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1. ACCORDING TO FRENCH PRESS REPORTS SHCHARANSKIY'S FRENCH LAWYERS (SEE REFTTEL) HELD PRESS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 30 IN PARIS, WITH FRENCH BAR ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNIST LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION OF PARIS ALSO REPRESENTED. LAWYERS SAID AN AMERICAN LAWYER, GERALD H. BAKER OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, VISITED SHCHARANSKIY FAMILY DURING NOVEMBER 10-21 VISIT TO USSR. THROUGH MR, BAKER FAMILY REPORTED THEY HAD TRIED FOR TWO WEEKS TO RETAIN A SOVIET LAWYER, APPROACHING ABOUT TWENTY, BUT ALL HAD REFUSED TO DEFEND SHCHARANSKIY WITHOUT A SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION ("DOPOUSK") WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN CASES INVOLVING KGB INVESTIGATIONS, AND WHICH MUST ALSO BE APPROVED BY THE KGB. EXPLANATION OF "DOPOUSK"
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PROCEDURES HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO FRENCH LAWYERS BY RECENT EMIGRE LAWYER KAMINSKAYA.

2. FRENCH LAWYERS ARE STILL SEEKING SOVIET AUTHORIZATION TO DEFEND SHCHARANSKIY, OR AT LEAST VISAS TO VISIT USSR, WHERE THEY HOPE THEY WILL BE PERMITTED TO ASSIST A SOVIET LAWYER IN

SHCHARANSKIY'S DEFENSE. THEY ALSO HOPE TO INTRODUCE
TESTIMONY FROM WITNESSES WHO HAVE LEFT THE
USSR, AND ARE CONSIDERING TRYING TO BRING THE CASE
BEFORE THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.
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